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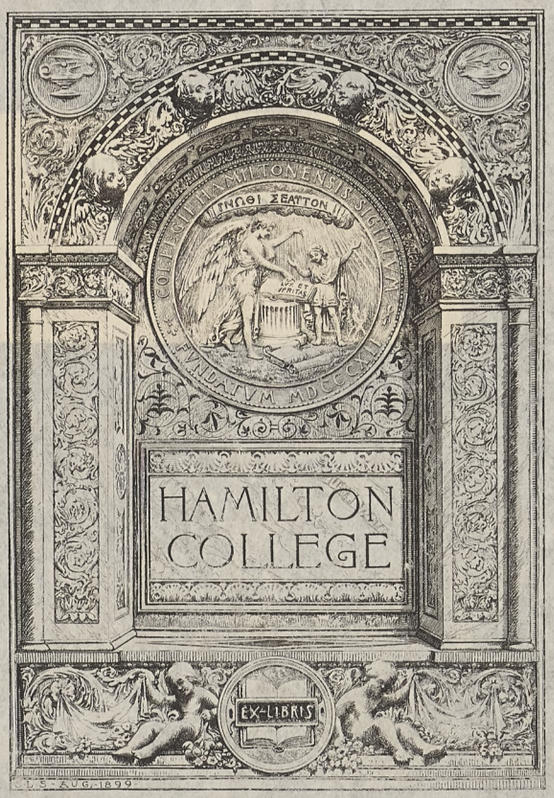

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Football Prospects.

Preliminary practice for the football team commenced on September 11th. Not many old men were back and no Freshmen were in evidence. Even by the opening of College the squad was very, very small and light, with but one or two additions from the Freshman class that look like 'varsity material.

There are a number of good men out for positions in the back field and at end, but the line is very fragile and but few men are trying for positions. Nellis, '06, is holding his old stand at centre, Thompson, '06, and Swetman, '07, last year's tackles, have been moved into guards' positions, and Barrows, '06, and Schwartz, '07, tackles last season, are filling their vacancies and doing very well for light men. At end there are Sicard, '06, LeMunyan, '06, White, '08, Moore, '09. Capt. Bramley, '06, is at present disabled by a broken bone in his hand, and Holley, '08, is playing quarter in the scrimmage work. Mann, '06, last year's crack full back, and Roosa, '06, Haggerson, '09, Stryker, '06, Moore, '09, and Ferris, '06, at half positions, ought to make an excellent back field. Bennett, '06, is expected to strengthen the line as soon as he returns to College.

More material is needed for the squad. Captain and coach are doing their best, and they are men who know the game if anyone ever did. The College must furnish the men. No good team ever existed without a scrub, and because it has sometimes been a thankless job to work all season against the 'varsity, the management has this year made arrangements for a schedule of games for the scrub and also intends granting some insignia on a cap. This will make some reward for hard work, but the appreciation of the College will go much further than anything else with a man of the right spirit.

The New Coach.

The management of the Hamilton football team is to be congratulated on securing the services of Coach Watson for this season. Mr. Watson played on his high school team at Williamstown, Mass., and captained it during his Senior year. For four years he played halfback on the Williams 'varsity, being captain of the team his last year. Although this is his first experience as coach, his long experience as a football player will fit him for the duties he now assumes. Every Hamilton man wishes him the same success as coach that he won as a player on the gridiron. The hearty co-operation of the squad and of the College body is already pledged him, and with the greatest faith in our new coach we welcome him to the Hill.

Y. M. C. A. at Northfield.

Hamilton had one of the largest, if not the largest, pro rata representation at the Northfield Conference. The Conference was unusually large and the men report a pleasant and profitable time. The forenoons and evenings of each day were devoted to the various phases of the Conference, while the afternoons were spent in athletics of various sorts, in which some of the best college athletes in the country competed.

The Fourth of July celebrations at Northfield are unique in that they bring together the most representative crowd of college men of any gathering in the country. At this time there were in the large auditorium between 700 and 800 men, representing all the leading colleges and prep. schools in eastern United States and Canada, all of whom gave their respective yells and applauded vigorously a thoroughly witty and original independence talk by J. Willis Baer, of New York.

One of the new features of the Conference was a course in North American problems by Mr. Baer. Of especial interest was the immigration problem, as Mr. Baer is well acquainted with conditions at Ellis Island.

Hamilton to the Front.

It will please everyone who doesn't already know the fact, to be told that Melrose, 1906, this year's Y. M. C. A. president, who by winning the New York State Prohibition Contest in Oratory last spring earned the honor to represent New York at the Inter-state contest at Ocean Grove, in July, won first place in composition and thought and third place in delivery, and incidentally twenty dollars. The contest was held in the Auditorium, which seats 15,000 people and is said to be the largest assembly hall in the United States. The acoustics, however, are poor, and strength of voice was at a higher premium than technique. Representatives from Indiana, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Tennessee, Kentucky, Michigan and New York, competed. Melrose certainly deserves great credit for his work and did well by the College.

Y. M. C. A.

The first Y. M. C. A. meeting will be held at 4 o'clock p. m. Sunday, in Silliman Hall. Prof. Davenport will speak. The whole College body, and especially the Freshmen, are urged to attend this first meeting.

The social department will have charge of the regular fall reception for Freshmen in Silliman Hall, Wednesday evening next. Upperclassmen are especially urged to give a little time on that evening to make this event the best of its kind.

There will be a cabinet meeting after the regular Sunday Y. M. C. A. meeting.

Football Schedule.

Sept.	27.	Cornell at Ithaca.
Oct.	2.	St. Lawrence at Clinton.
	7.	Rochester at Rochester.
	14.	Syracuse at Clinton.
	28.	Trinity at Clinton.
Nov.	4.	Union at Schenectady.
	11.	Colgate at Hamilton.

Something of Interest.

Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 19, 1905.

Editor in Chief, Hamilton Life:

DEAR SIR:—In your capacity as editor of what is the real mirror of the sentiments of the College, I venture to address to you a couple of kicks in the hope that in agreeing that they are well registered, you will use your influence to see that the matters wherewith they deal, are rectified.

First; If the football schedule as printed in the papers is correct, as I assume that it is, is it not a backward step in Hamilton's athletics? When did we become such rivals of a third-class institution that we should do for them what we have not done for years with even our closest rival, i. e, give them two dates on our schedule to the exclusion of other worthy opponents? Even our overwhelming defeat of last year hardly puts us in the same class with St. Lawrence, that we should make her the most prominent factor in our schedule. I recognize that a team without more substitutes cannot play teams like Cornell every week, but there are many colleges in our class with whom dates might be arranged. It is within the memory of the youngest graduate that the team from Williams has gone down to defeat before the Buff and Blue. If for any reason that game had to be dropped, there are Wesleyan, Tufts, Bowdoin, Middlebury, University of Vermont, and a score of others in our class, to say nothing of the fact that creditable defeats at the hands of such teams as Amherst, Dartmouth and West Point would mean more to us than any number of victories over St. Lawrence. Even Hobart is a harder fighting opponent. Why is she dropped? Would it be too late even now to drop that second St. Lawrence game and fill the date to better advantage?

Second; Of all the Eastern colleges even to Hobart and Alfred, I believe Hamilton is the only one of which there are no statistics in the current football guide. This guide is in the hands of practically every sub-Freshman who is interested in athletics, and the College not only loses thereby one of her most important chances of advertising, but the omission is a positive scurf, as though we alone were not important enough to be represented therein. This is the result of somebody's neglect, I suppose the last year's management, but some one should see to it that the same omission does not occur again. The usual statistics, together with a picture of the team, should be sent to Walter Camp at the close of each season.

I had not intended to write this letter anonymously, but I have decided to do so for two reasons, both because I feel that the alumni should feel that they can make suggestions impersonally from time to time without feeling that they are intruding their own personalities into under-graduate affairs, and because, if the things herein discussed do not appeal to your own judgment as worthy of an effort at rectification, I should prefer that this communication should rather find rest in the editorial scrap basket than that it should be published out of courtesy to a known writer.

Sincerely yours,

EXITUS.

We wish that we received more such kicks. They show that interest in the college is not dead among the alumni. As to the Hobart game the facts are these: The Advisory Board decided that owing to Hobart's unsportsmanlike conduct in our games with them no more games should be scheduled between Hamilton and Hobart, at least during the current year. We take no issue with "Exitus" on his other points, and rather quite agree with him. It is worth thinking of.

We want every man, in college or out, to feel that the columns of LIFE are open for the expression of any opinion worthy of consideration and couched in understandable English.

The New "Old South."

Historians say that the stone age has long since passed, but here on this old Hill it is now in its zenith. This year is showing us the passing of one of the old landmarks, in fact, the last landmark of our "brick and plaster" age.

"Old South" is gone, and with its passing memories which can never fade have been brightened. This was the last of the "old row." "North" has been remodeled, "Middle" changed to a gymnasium, the chapel interior renovated, but until this year "South" has stood, almost unchanged, for decades. Our alumni, many of them, will feel a certain sadness when next they climb the Hill and see a new building among the elms at the southern end of the campus, but with that feeling of regret there must come the joy of the knowledge that the Hill is being improved and that Hamilton is keeping abreast of the times with her buildings, as in every other department.

To the undergraduate body there is nothing but frank rejoicing at the downfall of "South." Few, if any, of us had any feeling of sentimental regard for the old building. Most of us looked upon it as an eyesore and a disgrace to our Hill, to which every other building was an adornment. No feelings of regret are to be heard on the Hill at the change.

The new building is being placed on the same site as that the "Old South" occupied, but it covers more ground. The new dormitory is, in fact, to be the largest building on our campus. The specifications make it twenty-five feet longer than "Carnegie." It is being built of the same gray stone, of which are all our buildings. At the present stage, the style of architecture is still a mystery, since the building is scarcely eight feet above ground.

The suites are to be arranged somewhat after the order of "Carnegie" and are to have fire-places. One change is to be made regarding the baths. In the new building these are to be on every floor, and not, as in Carnegie, every suite. If everything goes as planned, the building will be ready for occupancy in September, 1906.

Just now the southern end of the campus is somewhat littered with the debris from the old building, but to most of us even this is a more pleasing sight than the broken plaster of the "Old South."

Psi Delta Tau.

A number of men in College hitherto unaffiliated with any crowd, have joined to form a local society to be known as Psi Delta Tau. The new crowd occupies Prof. Squires' old home at the top of Freshman Hill. These fellows have a hard task ahead of them this year in getting things started and deserve the hearty good will and support of the College.

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THE OPENING OF COLLEGE, as always, again provides the scribes material for philosophizing and counseling to their heart's content. We would eschew any undue travail of this sort, but some observations we find of necessity. The entering class is not as large as we hoped, nor as was predicted, but it looks like good, clean cut, raw material, that college life should soon whip into creditable shape. These men certainly enter college at a propitious time. Our equipment in the way of buildings is well nigh complete, and the opening of the new dormitory next fall will make it all that could be wished for. The Freshmen owe it to themselves and the College to get into things and help boost college activities in any branch. That advice is for the other classes as well, but they all know it, at least abstractly. A man gets out of college just what he puts in, and everything depends on a good start. Bohn in, all hands!

The football team needs support. Material is scarce and light, few new men are out. Things don't look as bright as they might. The captain and coach and the team need the help of every man. If a fellow can't play, he can yell. Get out on the bleachers and whoop it up. We want to meet all our rivals creditably and we want to beat Colgate.

A lot of shoulders against the wheel will help things mightily. Let's get behind and push!

THE THANKS OF THE COLLEGE are due to MacDonald for the excellent work he has done as acting football manager during preliminary practice. He came on the first day of work and has discharged the duties of the managership in faultless style. His good spirit, hard work and good nature have been highly appreciated by the coach, captain and team. The College ought to know about it.

THE DISPUTED AMATEUR STANDING of F. R. Castleman of Colgate has doubtless been brought to the notice of most of the fellows in college. His suspension from amateur sport pending investigation has aroused interest all over the country in the slovenly methods of the A. A. U. and in the standing of the "summer athlete." Mr. Castleman has been our *bete noir* in track athletics for three seasons and a potent factor in Colgate's football supremacy, so that for selfish reasons we might be excused if we rejoiced at the contemplated action of the A. A. U. But we must say that personally we don't believe Castleman is any worse than most of the good men in college athletics today. It is a fine point and one to be liberally construed. The A. A. U. certainly deserves condemnation for its slip-shod methods.

THE DEFACEMENT of paint night slopped over this year. A good job was done on the walks and backstop, but such mutilation as the Arbor and some of the memorials on the campus suffered are disgraceful. We may be color blind, but most of the paint on these places seemed to be of the green traditionally flipped off by the Sophomore's brush. Such performances by men who have been here a year can in no way be approved, and to our mind deserve hearty condemnation by the student body.

THERE IS A VACANCY on the LIFE Board due to the departure of Goodier, '08. At the beginning of winter term this place will be filled by election from the Sophomore class provided there are any candidates who care to do good work. The place will be awarded on absolute merit and no other consideration will count. Nor is it too early for Freshmen who desire to be candidates next year to get to work. There is a chance for a fellow interested in this work to get into it and to get close to a good school for training. But it requires work, and men who won't work won't get on the Board, nor can they stay.

IT MAY INTEREST those who keep track of our relations to the Union to learn that the medals for the Intercollegiate have not yet been received nor has the money voted us by the Council of the Union. The treasurer has been located and unless something is done before the fall meeting, it may behoove us to take drastic and decisive measures. Something is the matter with the organism of the Union at present that needs quick remedy if it is to have lease of life.

THE FRESHMAN CLASS cannot learn too quickly some of the customs that obtain upon the Hill, and that tradition and college etiquette make necessary for decency and good behavior. Every man in college is expected to say "Hello" to every other man he meets, whether on the Campus or not. This is the most important matter of college custom that we know of. Every man is expected to be out at football practice whenever possible, to practice yelling and to cheer on the team. This is expected of every man who lays claims to any college spirit. On passing through doors or in going up or down stairs it is expected that class order shall be observed; especially is this so in Chapel. Freshmen want to keep their eyes and ears open so that they may as soon as possible gather up the threads of intimacy that so closely bnd this great family on the Hill. They want to get in touch with college activities as soon as they may.

The Chapel Row.

According to custom the Chapel row came off Thursday morning, immediately after the opening exercises of the College. The contending classes were more evenly divided than last year, there being about fifty Freshmen and forty Sophomores in the row. However, at most times the Sophomores seemed to be on top. In order to recognize each other the Freshmen stuck a piece of court plaster on their face and so threw but few of their own number. The row lasted only ten minutes, but the scrimmage was so fast that all the men were done up at the end of the time. The upperclassmen announced the row a tie and this decision seemed to meet with general approval. The Freshmen did not appear to be as badly frightened and were better organized than in previous years. They certainly gave a

good account of themselves in the row, although credit is also due to the Sophomores for their gritty fight against odds.

Immediately after the row the students and the numerous spectators adjourned to the quadrangle back of the Chapel. Here the remainder of the program of events was run off. The light-weight wrestling match came first and was won by the Freshmen. The Sophomores carried off the middle and heavy-weight wrestling matches and three of the four races, the Freshmen winning the light-man's race. After the races came the tug of war. The team tug was close fought, but the class tug was won decisively by the Freshmen. The upperclassmen then announced that the events of the day balanced and so the contest was a tie. A toss of a coin won the day for the Freshmen. Protection was declared on from noon Thursday until 6 p. m. Saturday. From 6 until 12 p. m. Saturday protection will be off. Then, Freshmen, beware! Sophomores, look out!

Prof. D. W. J. Miller.

The place of Prof. Charles H. Smyth, Jr., of the chair of mineralogy, who accepted a call to Princeton University, is to be filled by D. W. J. Miller, Ph. D., lately of Johns Hopkins University. Our information at present is meagre, we must admit, but it seems to be understood that he is a graduate of one of the great California Universities and also of a minor western college. He is the only new man on the faculty this year and he will be heartily welcomed and his work watched with interest.

Notice, Freshmen.

The football management desires to call the attention of the Freshmen to the daily football practice held on Steuben Field afternoons at 4 o'clock. It is the duty of every Freshman, who possibly can, to get out and work. No matter if you never have played, get out and try it. The management will furnish suits and stockings to all who come out, and at the end of the season will present blue caps to the men who have played regularly on the scrub. We have a light team this fall, and so we make even greater efforts than ever to develop men. Let's have the largest scrub that Hamilton has ever seen!

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College Notes.

—"Fritz" Brandt, '04, is on the Hill.

—Cookinham, '08, will not return this fall.

—Perkins, ex-'08, will not reenter College.

—Soper, '04, has been on the Hill this week.

—Pratt, '04, was on the Hill to see the fun this week.

—"Jimmy" Goodier, ex-'08, has entered Princeton.

—Those who have elected geology will miss "Rocks".

—More fellows on the side-lines to cheer the team at practice.

—The barn behind the Sig. Hall was a popular resort Wednesday night.

—Searle, Rupert, Davies and Mooney, '08, are not coming back this fall.

—'04 had men enough back Thursday to give their yell in good old form.

—Football practice is good and prospects are good for a light fast team.

—Snyder, ex-'08, is not coming back this fall, but will enter Cornell to take up law.

—Secretary of State Elihu Root, '64, is at his summer home on the Hill for a few days.

—C. E. White, ex-'08, has a desirable position in the Census Bureau at Albany.

—W. A. Lathrop, '85, and wife, of of Brooklyn, were on the Hill Thursday.

—Go to Maynard and McLean for wild tales and experiences among the islanders.

—"Uncle John" returned with his automobile and reports a great time during the summer.

—The second-hand book sales have reached the high water mark this week. Sort of hard on Jenks.

—"Bill Shep" spent the summer in Italy polishing up his perfection in Italian and getting a good tan.

—The Sophomores' new "scurf songs" seemed to meet with general approval. They are surely something new.

—The mail service began Thursday morning. We trust that it will be as regular and prompt as last year.

—No one painted on either side. That's going some. There was a great sufficiency on the walks, however.

—Work on the new dormitory progresses rapidly, Compared with Old South it promises to be a whopper.

—For once in his life "Prexy" has found something he couldn't make go. It came last week in shape of a balky horse.

—Freshmen wear a hunted look nowadays in their efforts to escape the Sophomores who have books, beds, etc. for sale.

—The Freshmen are as adept as any of their predecessors in starting for sprints and hippity-hopping up the Chapel steps.

—Somebody has remarked that a mail box in Carnegie would be acceptable. How foolish to suggest such an improbable thing.

—"Woodie" has been roughing it in the North Woods, clearing timber, building his own camp and leading a strenuous existence generally.

—We hope that the Y. M. C. A. reading room will soon get in line with the march of events. The latest papers on file Wednesday were dated June.

—Durkee, '03, Henderson, '01, McGaffin, '04, Dowling, '04, Courtney, '03, Eysaman, '05, MacIntyre, '05, Pratt, '04, Hayes, '05, have been on the Hill during the week.

—"Jake" Getman, ex-'07, is on the Hill. When asked if he would reenter this fall he said he hadn't thought about it much, but that maybe he would.

—The College and his class will miss "Rog." Sherman. He could not come back on account of the serious illness of his father. Possibly he will be back winter term.

—The underclassmen were all in bed by eight o'clock Thursday evening, save one Sophomore who sat up until nine. A Freshman was heard to remark: "Gee! but college life is strenuous."

—We have among us a new "crowd", so says rumor, called Psi Delta Tau. They have rented "Bill" Squires' house and are prepared for business. We wish them success in their undertaking.

—The Chapel vestibule has been full of Freshmen for the past two days, who were trying to get their schedules straightened out. One couldn't understand why he had four algebra classes in one day.

—The Dean had to request the Sophomores not to touch the poor Freshmen as they went into Chapel, because they would be so frightened that they would not understand what he said. That's scurfing some.

—"Heine" White is undoubtedly pleased with the readiness with which the Freshmen take up speaking. Some of them could not resist the temptation to say a few words from the Chapel steps on Wednesday afternoon.

—Hon. Chauncey S. Truax, '75, of New York, whose son enters the class of 1909, was on the Hill Thursday. Mr. Truax is the loyal alumnus to whose generosity Hamilton owes her beautiful Hall of Philosophy.

—It is with deep regret that the Blue Book committee announce that this invaluable students' companion will not be obtainable until next month. A misunderstanding with the printer is the cause of delay. Printed schedule blanks will be given out Monday as a temporary expedient.

—The quantity not the quality of the Freshman class is somewhat disappointing. Yet we have no cause to complain, for desirable dormitory accommodations are at a premium now. When new South is completed, however, next fall, there will be ample room for an increase in the College aggregate.

—One Freshman, called on to address the Sophomore class Wednesday p. m., introduced "Bill" Squires with the statement, "Here comes a man." Applause.

—A new gas plant is being installed back of Carnegie. It is claimed that one filling will last all winter. We hope it will be an improvement on last year's supply.

—Those who returned to College early had the pleasure of seeing "Dutch" Edie in his new disguise. "Prex," seeing "Dutch" in the depth of his bushy black beard calmly smoking a cigarette in the Library, hurried over to Mr. deRegt and complained that one of the laborers was smoking in the Library.

—"Square" says that he would like to reason with the fellows some time and try to make them understand just how ridiculous it is to go out in the middle of the night to paint telegraph posts. Those Freshmen who did not enjoy the couch at all on Wednesday night would have been very susceptible to such a line of reasoning on Thursday morning.

—"Prex" says the "New South" dormitory will be the most attractive building on the Campus. That surely bespeaks a prepossessing structure for the front corner of the triangle. It looks strange without Old South, but the true spirit of the age has struck the Hill, "off with the old and on with the new." What small college in the United States has more new buildings?

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